# Deicing Challenges & Solutions



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Flight departure is delayed ... Plane needs to be deiced

What? There is nothing on the plane! Where is global warming?



**Deicing** is NOT licking the icing off a cake!



# Aviation deicing has come a long way!







#### **Environmental**

Primary Regulation: Clean Water Act

Concerns: Biological Oxygen Demand, Toxicity

Requires permitting, collection, treatment,

etc.





#### **Materials Compatibility**

Corrosion on cadmium plated component, electrical connector exposed to potassium acetate.





### **Operational**

# Rain or shine, sleet or snow...the military will deliver!



# **Training**



# Deicing/anti-icing operations are not simple!

# Aeronautical Enterprise Deicing Working Group

- Members/Associates: Air Force, Army, Navy, FAA, OEMs, Canadian DND
- Networking with SAE G-12, SAE G-15, Industry
- Addressing challenges while pursuing new technologies.....



# Aeronautical Enterprise Deicing Working Group

- Primary Objectives:
  - Single technology for runways and aircraft
  - Reduce environmental impact
  - High performance deicer
  - Nonchemical, portable aircraft deicer



## **Aircraft Deicing Trucks**

Easier to prevent fluid overspray with enclosed cab





Safer deicing with extended reach for stabilizers

# Aircraft Deicing Truck Nozzle System



Fluid only
Forced air only

Fluid over air

Fluid injection



## Aircraft Deicing/Anti-icing Fluids





- Fluid demonstrations completed (ESTCP)
- Demonstration planned Jan Feb 2011 (ESTCP)
- Deicing/anti-icing fluid R & D underway (SERDP)

# **Corrosion Damage From Runway Deicing Materials**





Deicing Material Compatibility Tests completed for military materials

**DoD Deicing Joint Test Protocol developed** 

### **Runway Deicing Fluids**

Less corrosive runway deicing fluid demo (SERDP/ESTCP)











### **Deicing Fluid Cleanup/Collection**



Glycol recovery vehicles



Storm 1 drain insert

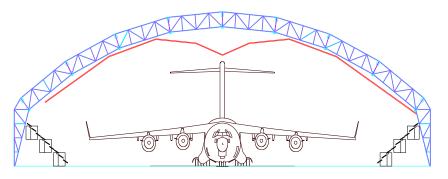
## Infrared/Radiant Energy

#### **Portable Unit Concepts**





Truck mounted heater unit



Deployable heater unit



## **Radiant Energy**

#### **Fixed Radiant Energy Deicing Facility**









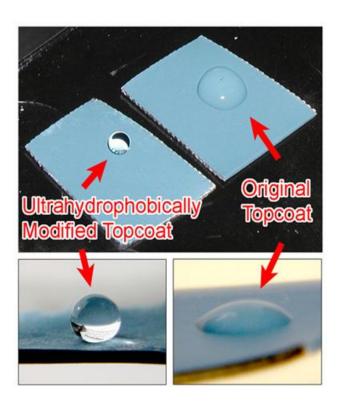
#### **Ice Detection Camera**



- Ice detection on aircraft is visual or tactile
- Camera would enhance safety and reduce fluid
- Demonstration being pursued

#### **Ice Phobic Materials**

- Prevent formation of ice on surface
- Development efforts underway







Freezer tests measure adhesion of frozen water drops

#### **Additional Potential Solutions**

- Achieve extensive use of aircraft anti-icing fluids
- Use Airfield Environmental Monitoring Tool at bases (ESTCP)
- Microbe evaluation planned for Maine

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#### Summary

- Deicing has many challenges
  - Reduce environmental impact
  - Enhance safety
  - Optimize operational envelope
  - Reduce cost from damage to airframe and runway



 Stakeholders will continue to work toward solutions to these challenges!

